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Transverse electric fields effects in DECam devices: tree rings and glowing edges

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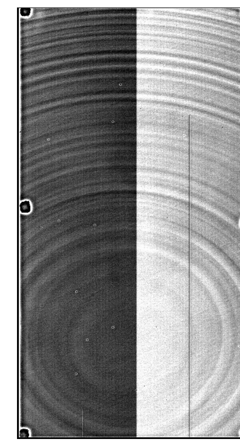

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Outline

* Structures in dome flats:
    - Tape bumps
    - **Glowing edges**
    - **Tree rings**

* Redistribution of charge due to transverse/lateral electric fields: pixel area variations.

* Impact on astrometric and photometric residuals.

* Photometric and astrometric templates from dome flats, to improve astrometric and photometric solutions.

* Conclusion and summary.

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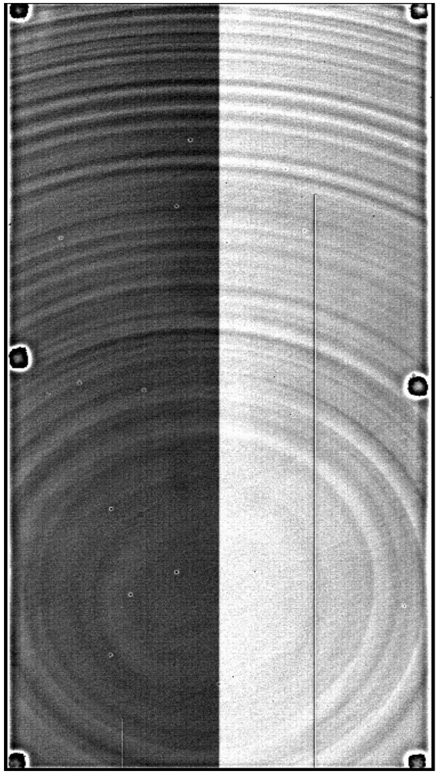
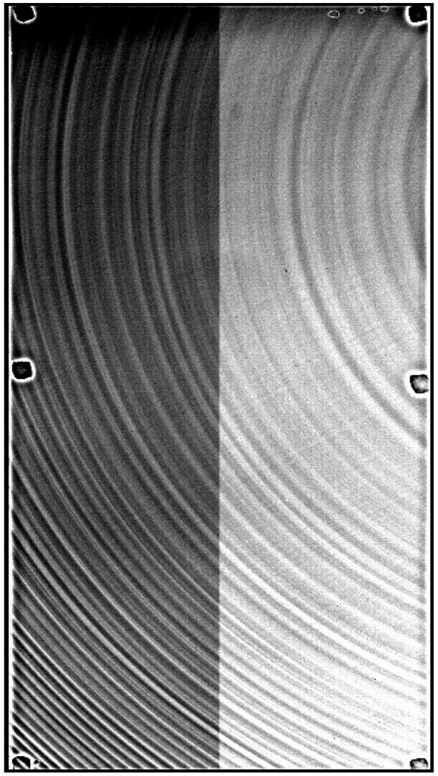
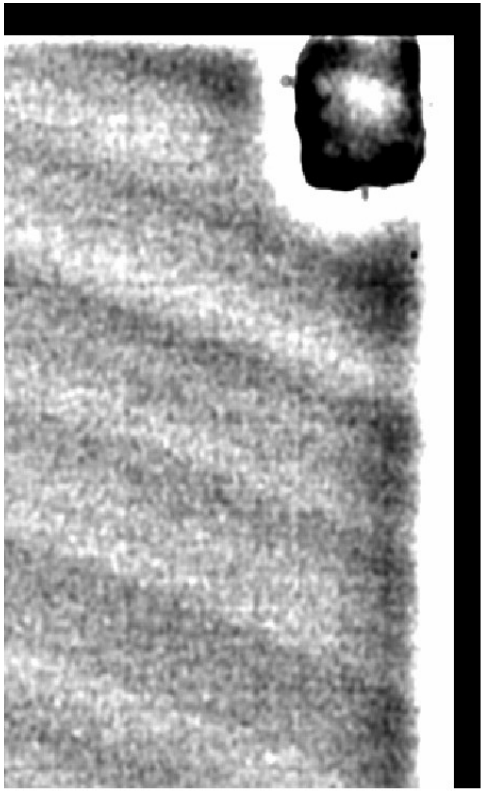
Structures in flats







Glowing Edges and Tape Bumps

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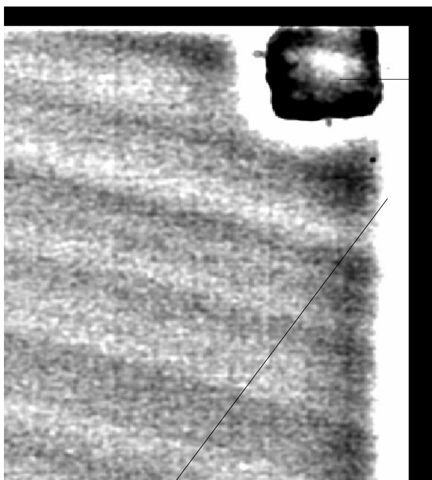
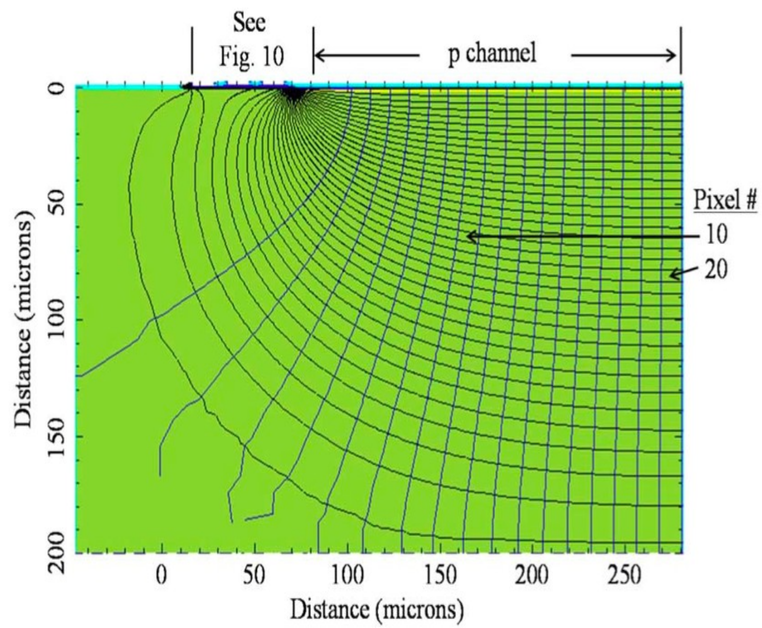


Tape bumps: small gap between CCD and aluminum nitride (AIN) is filled with double-sided tape. Physical deformation that bends electric fields.

Will be masked in DES data.



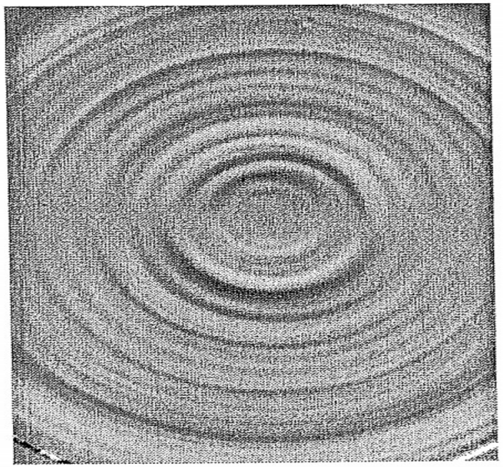
Credit: Holland et al., 2009

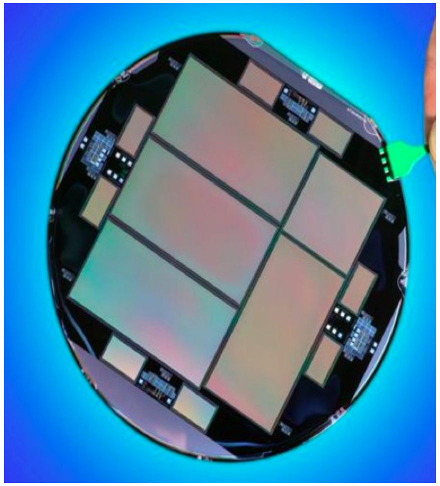
Glowing edges: electric fields are wider than active pixels at the edges of the CCDs, stretching the effective area of the pixels.

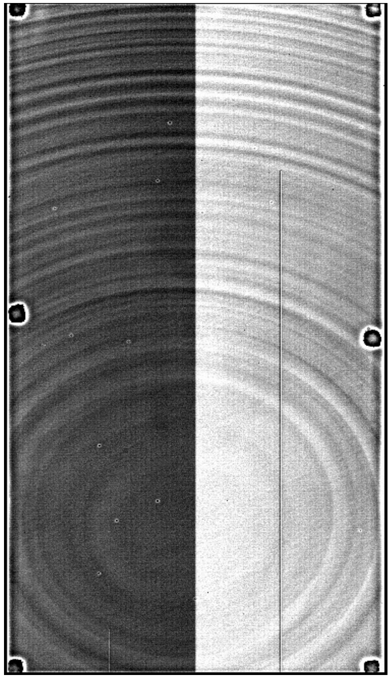
Tree rings

High-resistivity CCDs are fabricated by using the floating zone (FZ) method. In the process, circularly symmetric gradient of resistance (doping) distribution are left behind.

Photoscan of a wafer surface







From Altmannshofer et al. 2003

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Pixel area variations

* Transverse fields superpose with existing **E** fields in CCD resulting in distorted electric field lines.

* Redistribution of charge ⟶ **astrometry**

* Effective area of pixel changes ⟶ **photometry**

* Flat fields give a map of variations in pixel uniformity (PRNU), with contributions from changes in sensitivity(QE) **and** pixel area.

Impacts on astrometry and photometry

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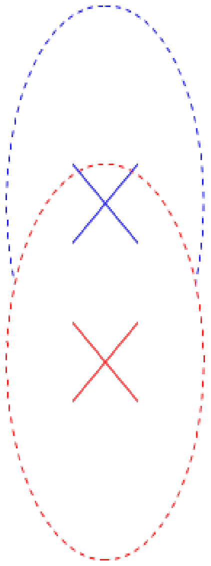
* **Astrometric solution:** map from pixel to sky coordinates.

Used when stacking images to detect objects (DES requirement: match of < 15 mas between different exposures)



* **Photometric solution:** solution for star flat and zeropoint calibrations for individual exposures simultaneously.

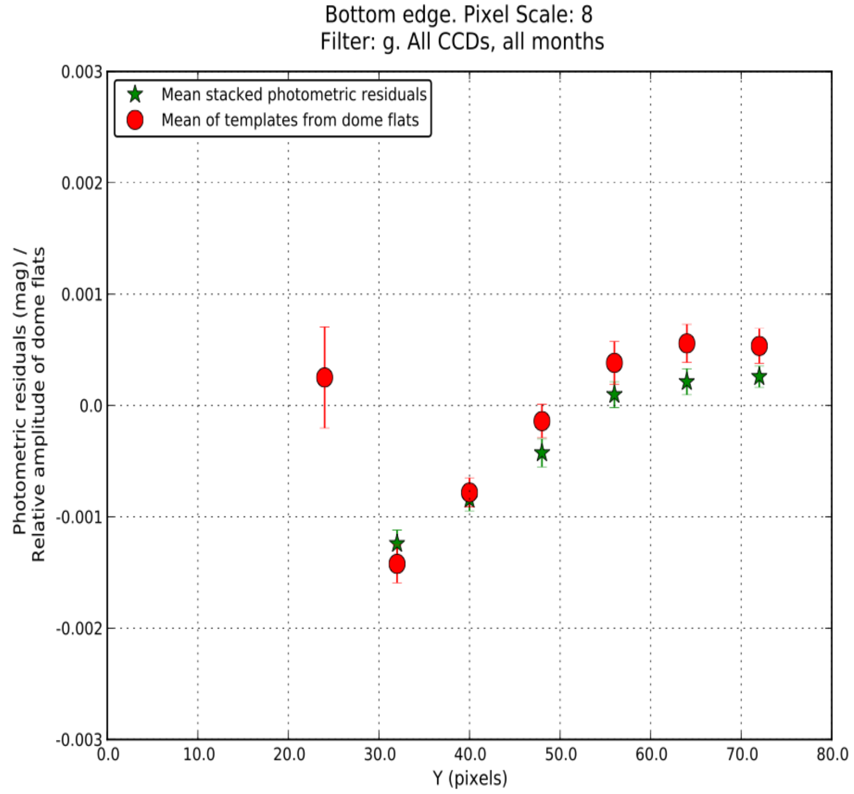
DES requires 2% photometry.

* If glowing edges and tree rings are not included in the optimizations, patterns will remain.

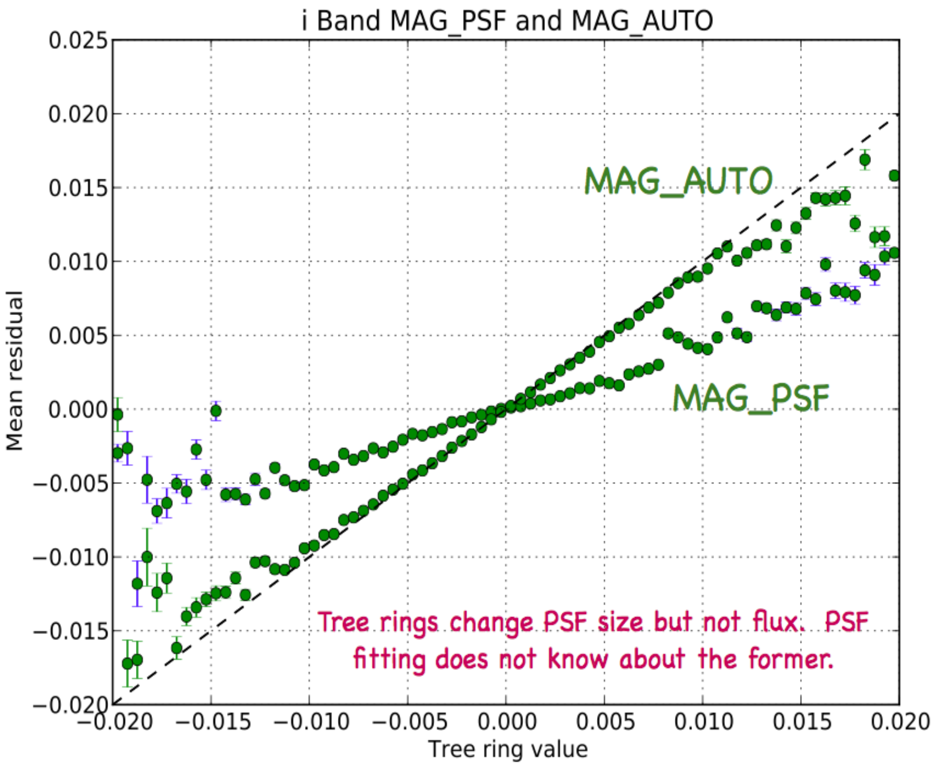
See Gary Bernstein's talk in this workshop for more details about these functions and star flats for DECam data.

Impacts on photometry

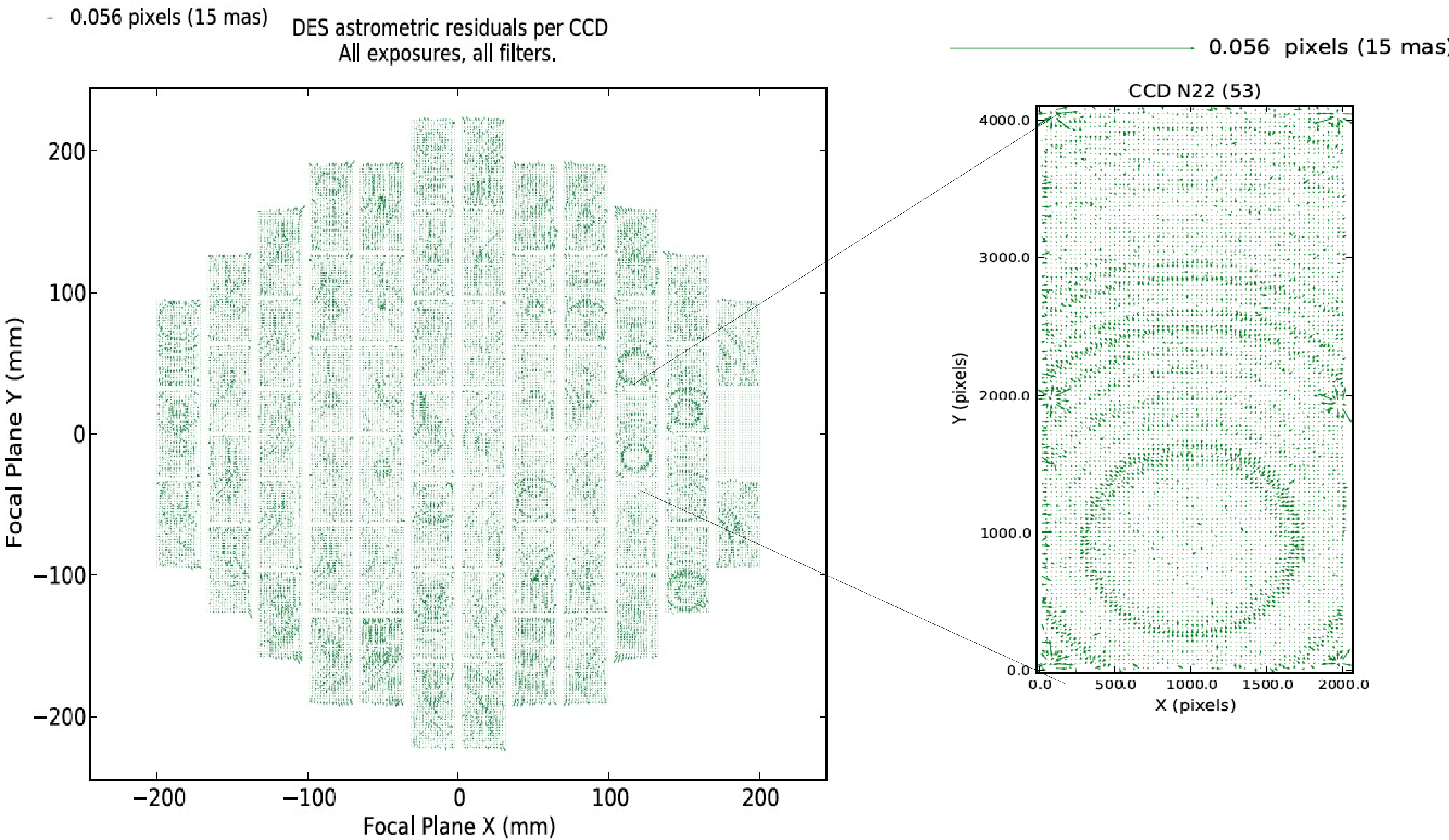
Glowing edge



Tree rings:



Impacts on astrometry



Templates from flats

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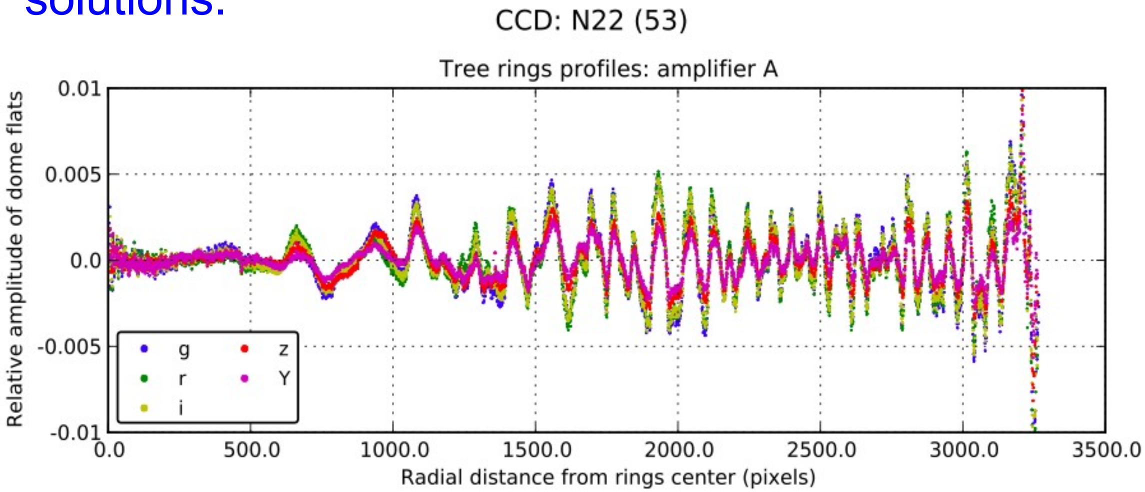
* Use dome flats to measure the relative amplitude of the tree rings and glowing edges as a function of CCD position. Incorporate templates in astrometric and photometric solutions.



ratio	A amplifier	B amplifier
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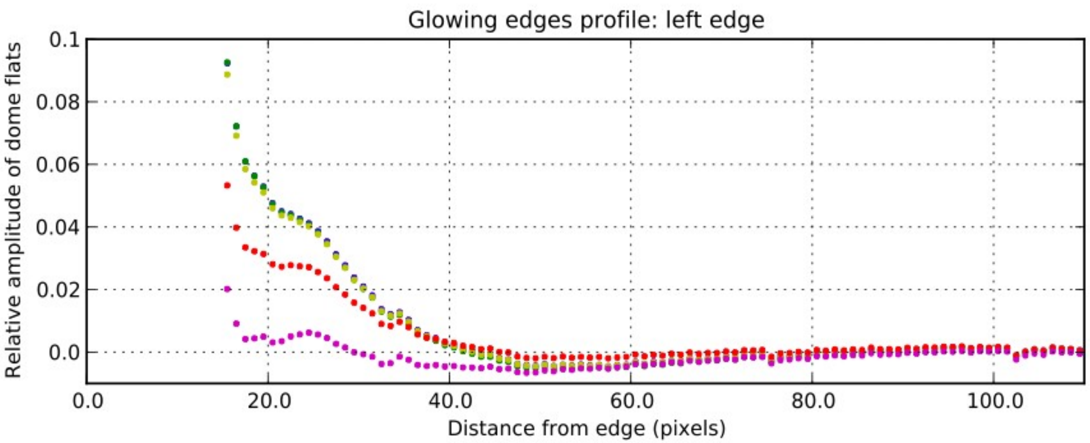

* Amplitude is larger for shorter wavelengths.

* On average, photons with short wavelength are absorbed closer to the back window.

Wavelength dependence: a model

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Can we calculate the expected relative amplitude of the tree rings and glowing edges as a function of wavelength?

$$I_{\mathrm{F}} = \frac{\int_{\lambda_{\min}}^{\lambda_{\max}} d\lambda \int_0^d dy\ \lambda F(\lambda) S_\lambda(\lambda) f(y,\lambda)\ \partial_y \Delta X_\perp(y)}{\int_{\lambda_{\min}}^{\lambda_{\max}} d\lambda \int_0^d dy\ \lambda F(\lambda) S_\lambda(\lambda) f(y,\lambda)}$$

- We need:

* SED of source: LEDs that illuminated dome flats
* Transmission response of instrument per broad band
* PDF of a photon being absorbed in [y, y+dy] interval: depends on silicon absorption coefficient
* Lateral displacement of charge packet: depends on transverse and parallel fields →

$$\Delta X_\perp = \int_0^y dy' \frac{E_\perp(y')}{E_{||}(y')}$$

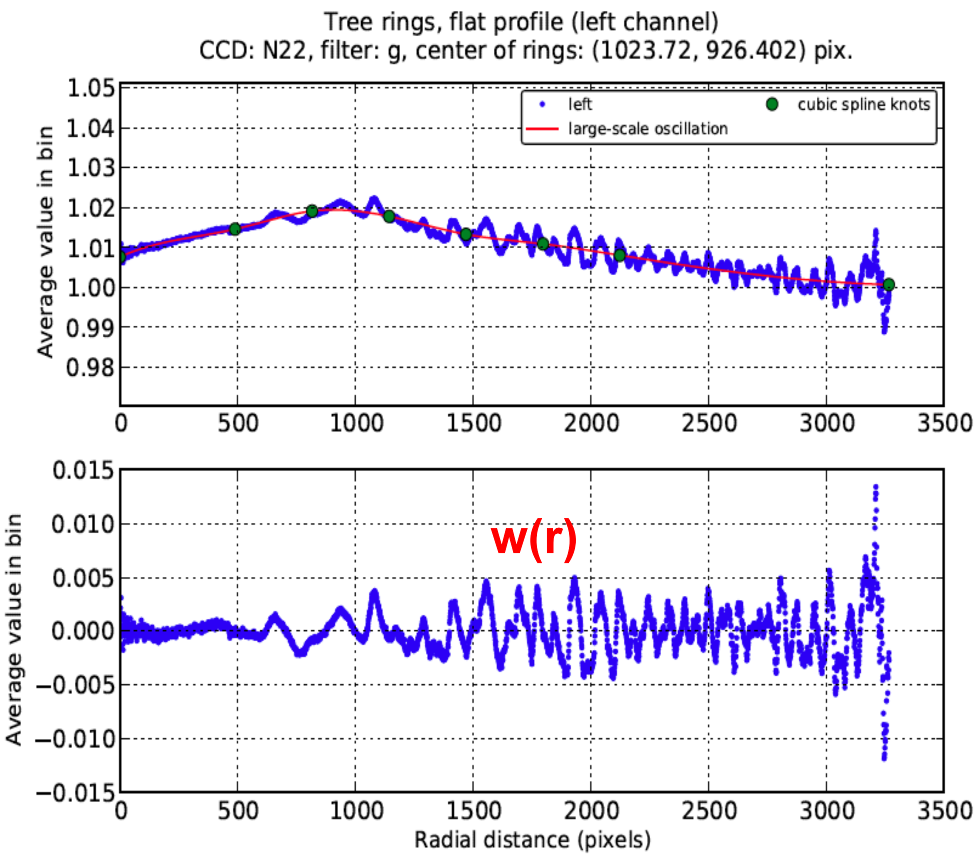
$$E_{||}(y) \propto y/d$$

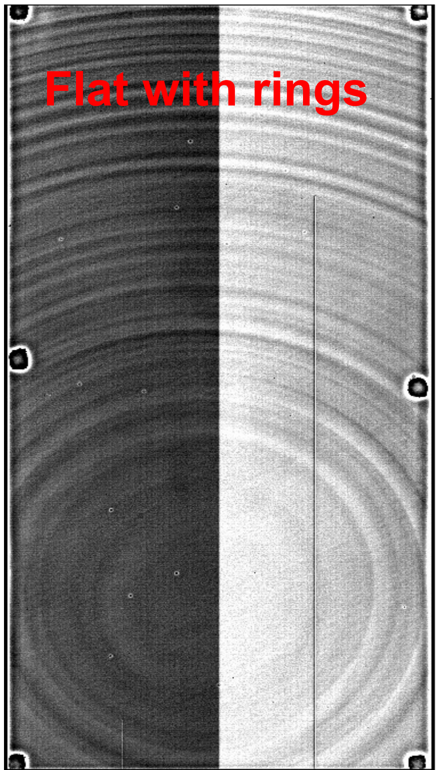
$$E_\perp(y) \propto y(1 - y/d)$$

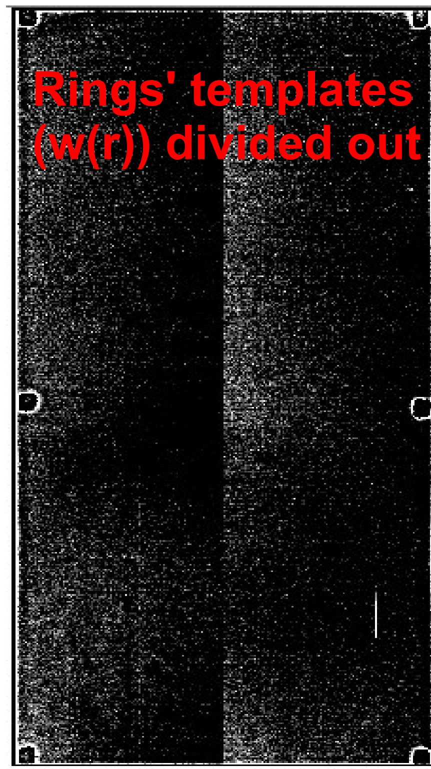
Tree rings: radial profiles

* Assuming that rings are **concentric**, identify their **center** in a given CCD dome flat.

* Bin the counts radially, as a function distance with respect to distance from the center. This gives us the radial profile of the tree rings (a function **w(r)**).







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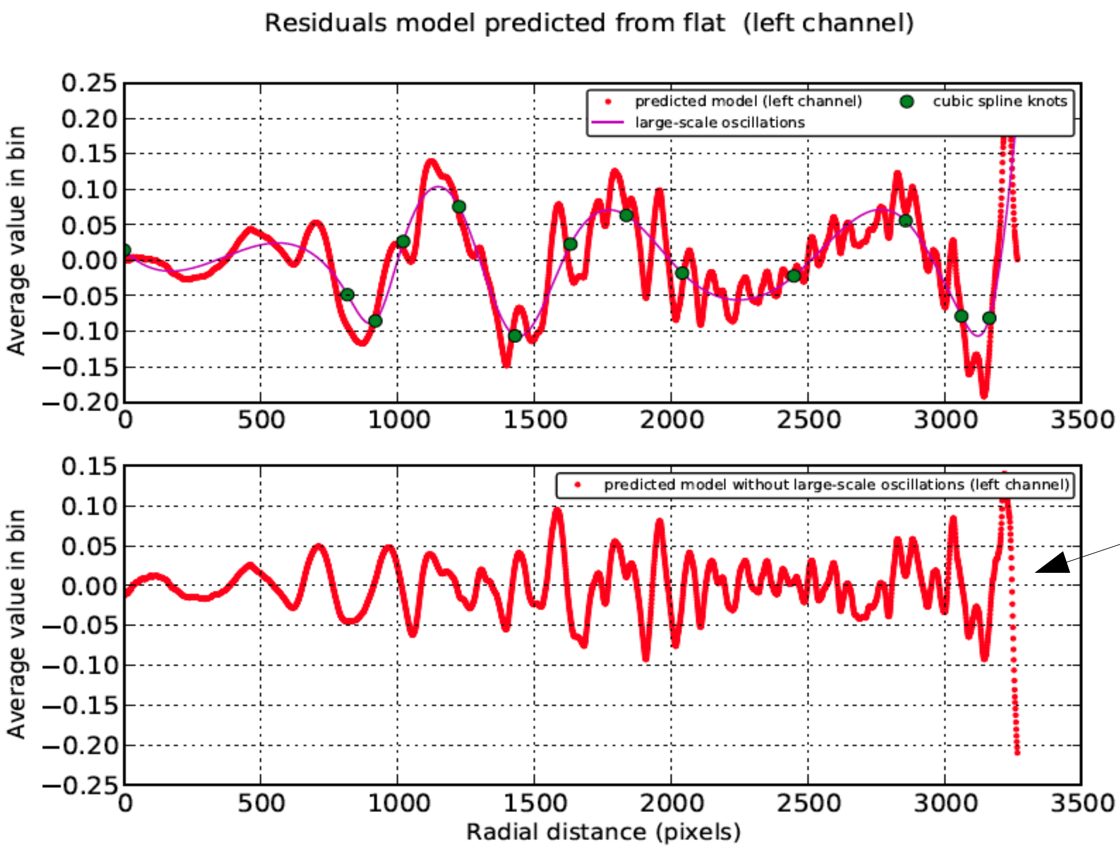
Tree rings: astrometric templates

* A photon that hits the CCD at a position **r** is seen as a position **r' = r + f(r)**. **f(r)** is the astrometric distortion.

* From the **dome flats**, we can measure **w(r)** and predict the distortion in astrometry (the **f(r)** perturbation).



* If the illumination surface brightness is nearly constant, then the number of photons per pixel (w(r)) in a flat is proportional to the solid angle of the sky that the pixel sees.

* The solid angle subtended by a pixel on the sky is related to the Jacobian of the astrometric distortion map: **1+ w(r) = |det J|**

Rings:

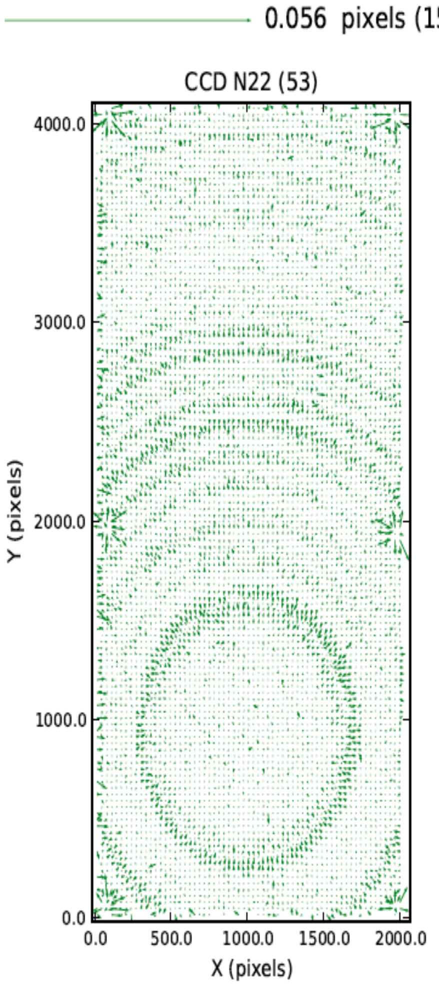
$$f(r) = -\frac{1}{r}\int r w(r) dr$$

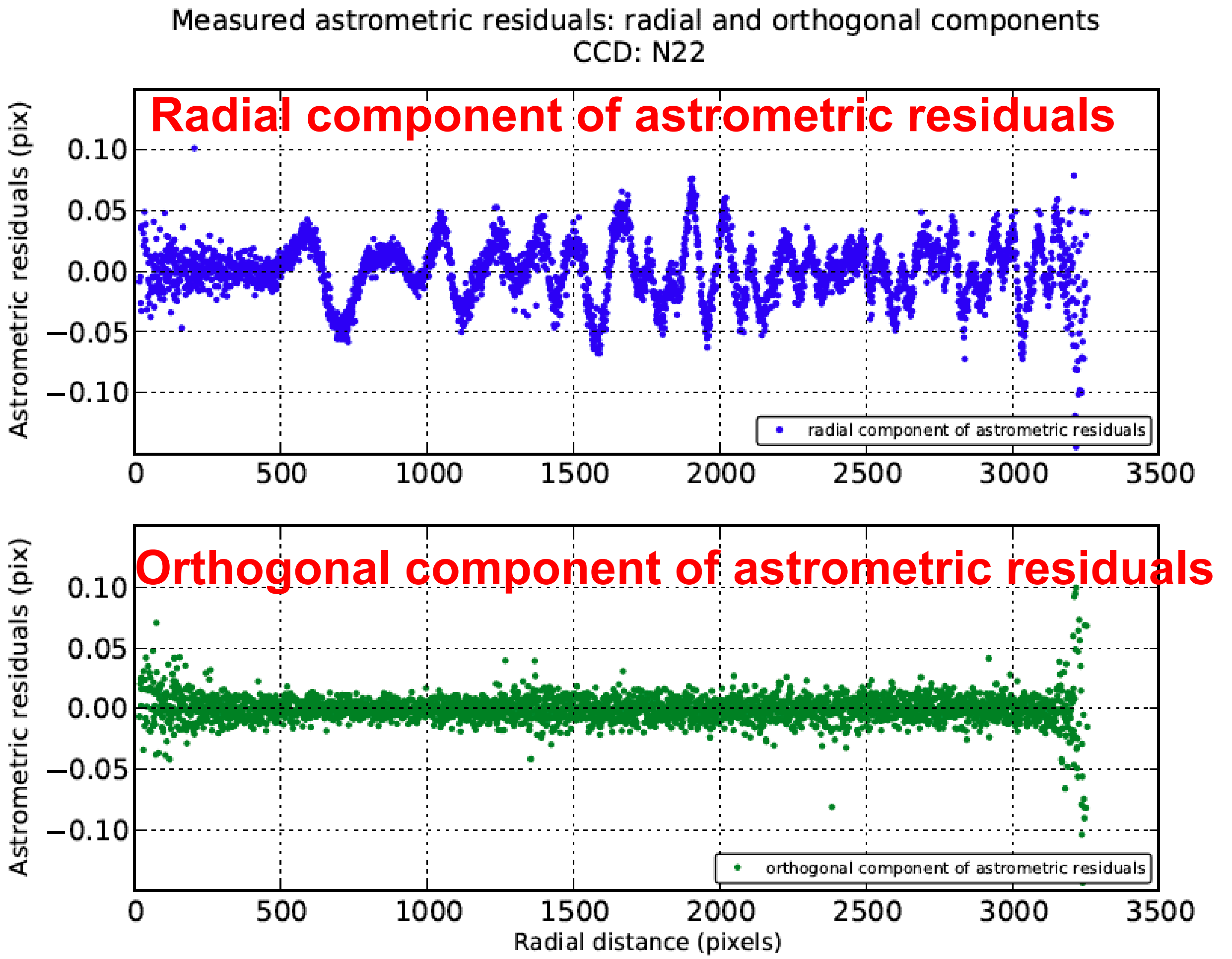
Edges:

$$f(x) = -\int w(x) dx$$

Tree rings: relation to astrometry

* From the star flats, we can measure the astrometric signature:





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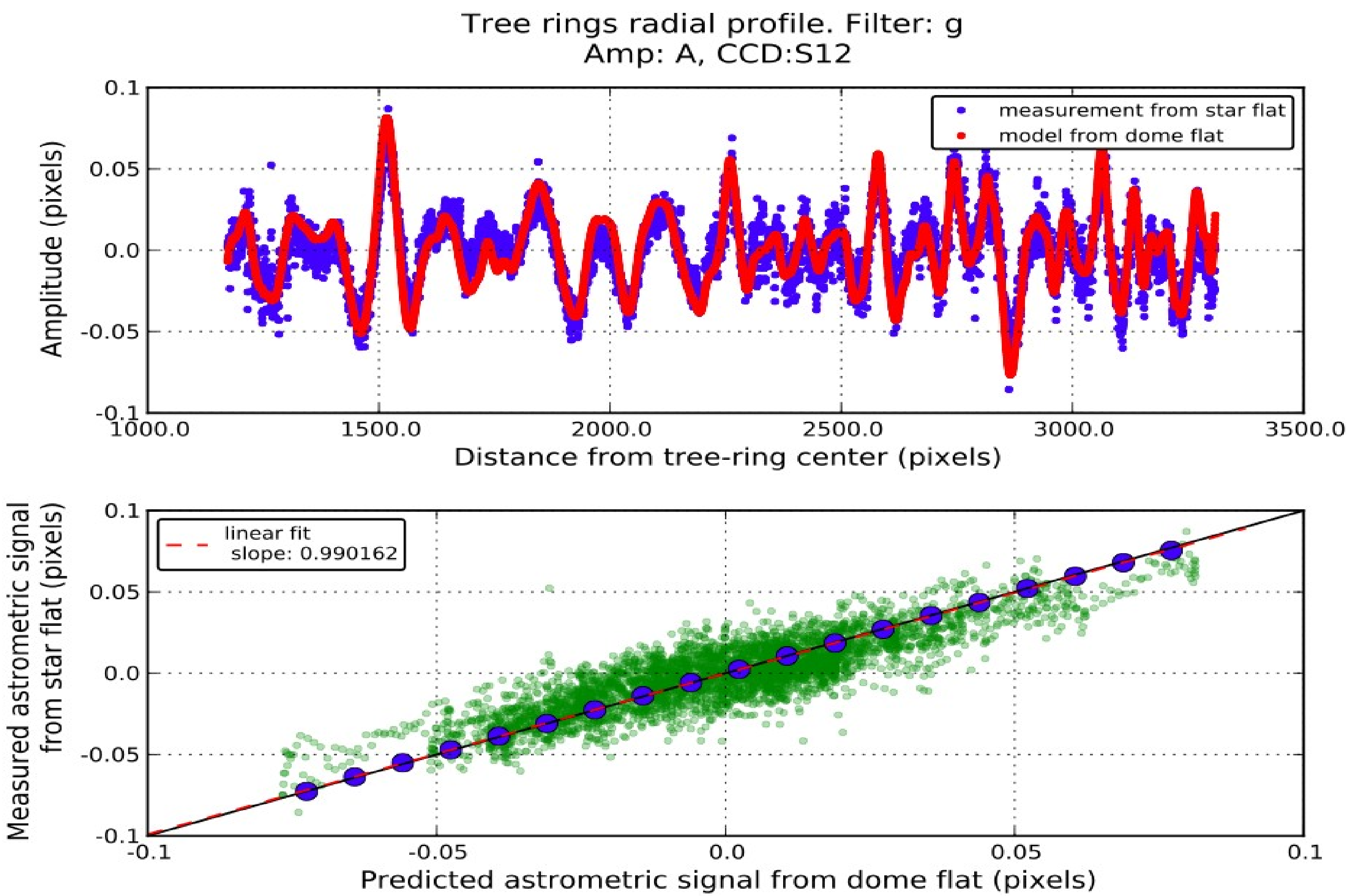
...and then we can compare the prediction to the measurements:



Summary and conclusions

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* Spurious transverse electric fields in CCD redistribute charge between neighboring pixels, modifying the effective pixel area.

* Structures are visible in dome flats: tape bumps, tree rings, glowing edges. They are not due to QE variations.

* Photometric and astrometric measurements are impacted by these structures.

* Templates of the amplitude of this effect as a function of position can be constructed from dome flats to improve on the calculation of the astrometric and photometric solutions.

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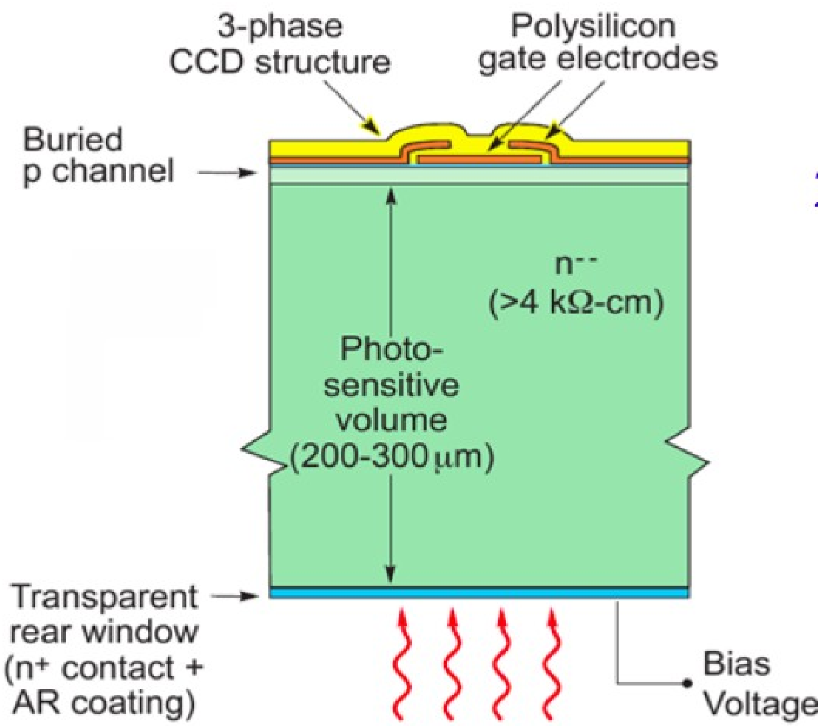

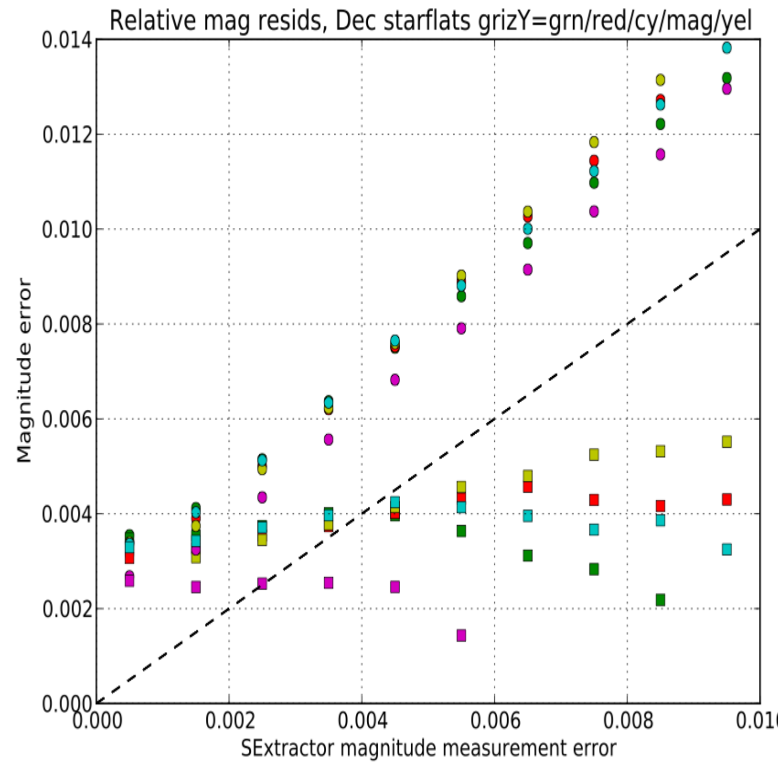

$$\frac{dF}{dy} = f(y) = \frac{\alpha \exp(-y\alpha)}{1 - \exp(-2d\alpha)}$$